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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 168368; VALLETTA 1735 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING RESPONSIBLE FONOFF OFFICIAL, GOI HAS SENT BLAND MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT LEONE TO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WISHING SUCCESS OF MEETING AND EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE THAT IT WILL MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF WORLDWIDE PEACE. FONOFF SOURCE SAID THAT DECISION TO SEND MESSAGE BASED ON PRECEDENT SET IN 1970 WHEN ITALIAN PRESIDENT SENT SIMILAR MESSAGE TO LUSAKA MEETING. OFFICIAL NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME EFFORT WITHIN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO COORDINATE MEMBERS POSITIONS, WITH AIM OF SENDING SINGLE MESSAGE FROM EC, BUT THIS UNDERSTANDING FELL APART IN WAKE OF SEPARATE MESSAGES SENT BY FRG AND ITALY.

2. WHEN EMBOFF, IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, INDICATED THAT USG WOULD NOT BE SENDING HIGH LEVEL MESSAGE TO CONFERENCE, FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID THAT THIS CAME AS SOMEWHAT OF A SURPRISE INASMUCH AS ALGERIANS HAD TOLD ITALIAN EMBASSY IN ALGIERS THAT PRESIDENT NIXON HAD
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SENT MESSAGE TO LUSAKA MEETING, THEREBY INTIMATING THAT ANOTHER USG MESSAGE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING THIS TIME. FONOFF OFFICIAL

THEN CHECKED ITALIAN EMBASSY REPORTING OF LUSAKA CONFERENCE AND
FOUND THAT US NOT REPEAT NOT LISTED AS HAVING SENT MESSAGE IN 1970.

3. ON QUESTION OF MALTESE PARTICIPATION IN NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE,
OFFICIAL NOTED THAT DURING AUGUST 24-25 VISIT OF FONOFF POLITICAL
DIRECTOR GENERAL DUCCI, MINTOFF SAID HE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY
ATTEND ALGIERS MEETING. VOLPE

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